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Governor Culver Issues Disaster Proclamation for Monona County

DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver today issued a disaster proclamation for Monona County. The proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to help local officials and residents deal with the impacts of these storms, including debris removal from damaged structures and trees.

The disaster proclamation also authorizes the implementation of the State Individual Assistance Grant Program to assist eligible residents of Monona County. The state's Individual Assistance Program provides up to \$5,000 in reimbursements for damages incurred for individuals and families whose income is less than 200 percent above the poverty level. That means individuals making \$21,660 or less may qualify, and a family of four making \$44,100 or less may qualify.

Residents of counties where the State Individual Assistance Grant Program has been made available can call the Department of Human Services disaster assistance line at 1.866.434.4692. Application information will also be posted on the DHS Web site soon – visit www.dhs.state.ia.us and click Storm Help.

As of today, 48 counties are now covered by disaster proclamations for state Individual Assistance from storms in June and July: Appanoose, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Cherokee, Clay, Clayton, Davis, Decatur, Delaware, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Kossuth, Lee, Lucas, Lyon, Mahaska, Marion, Monona, Monroe, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Polk, Ringgold, Shelby, Sioux, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington, Webster and Wright.

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